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1. SCHANBERG (NYT) REPORTS FROM PP THAT IN SPEECH REOPENING PARLIAMENT, LON NOL MAINTAINED UN LED ASTRAY BY PROPAGANDA IN AGREEING TO TAKE UP KHMER REPRESENTATION QUESTION. SIHANOUK VICTORY ON THIS QUESTION WOULD BE RETURN TO "LAW OF JUNGLE". SCHANBERG SEES REMARKS AS INDICATION OF GKR NERVOUSNESS OVER ISSUE, SINCE REPORTS FROM UN SUGGEST THAT UNLESS US AND OTHER PP ALLIES CAN MAKE REPRESENTATION ITEM "IMPORTANT QUESTION" REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS VOTE, SIHANOUK MAY BE ABLE WIN GA SEAT WITH SIMPLE MAJORITY. LOSS OF SEAT WOULD BE BLOW TO MORALE AND MIGHT DIM GKR'S SURVIVAL CHANCES. IN SAME SPEECH, LON NOL ALSO SAID THAT ATTEMPTS AT NEGOTIATIONS HAD ACHIEVED LITTLE BECAUSE NVA AND VC FLOUT INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DO NOT PERMIT KI NEGOTIATE EVEN THOUGH THEY WANT TO.

2. WILLIAMS (REUTER) WRITES FROM PP THAT LON NOL ANNOUNCES MEASURES TO CONSOLIDATE POWER BY CONTINUING HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL RULE, AND MEASURES TO APPEASE CRITICS BY BROADENING BASE OF GOVT. HPC IS EXTENDED FOR 6 MONTHS. IN TAM REMAINS AS PM, WILL RESHUFFLE CABINET TO BRING IN 7 NEW MINISTERS, INCLUDING SEVERAL CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT, AND CREATES A NEW MINISTRY TO SEEK END OF WAR THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS (ALSO UPI NYDN, PHINQ).

3. GKR SAYS THAT 230-TRUCK CONVOY, THIRD SINCE ROUTE 4 REOPENED LAST WED., ARRIVES AT PP FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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KOMPONG SOM (UPI, PHINQ).

4. LE DUC THO REJECTS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. LEWIS (NYT) REPORTS FROM PARIS THAT IN TEXT OF LETTER FROM THO TO NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE, RELEASED BY PARIS OFFICE OF HANOI PRESS AGENCY, THO SAYS PEACE HAS NOT REALLY COME TO SVN SO IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ACCEPT PRIZE, THOUGH HE WILL BE ABLE CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE WHEN PARIS ACCORD IS ACCEPTED AND REAL PEACE ESTABLISHED. THO KNOCKS US AND GVN FOR CONTINUING WAR. LEWIS COMMENTS THAT THO'S REACTION REFLECTS CAREFUL DECISION BY NVN LEADERS WHO SEE PARIS ACCORDS AS VICTORY, NOT COMPROMISE, AND SO DISPLEASED BY EQUAL HONORS FOR HAK. THEY ALSO HOLD US RESPONSIBLE

FOR C-F VIOLATIONS AND NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCORD'S POLITICAL CLAUSES SINCE THEY SEE GVN AS US PUPPET. THO LETTER MADE THESE ATTITUDES CLEAR. LEWIS BELIEVES NOBEL COMMITTEE NOW FACES DILEMMA SINCE HAK ACCEPTANCE WOULD VIOLATE BALANCE CLEARLY INTENDED IN AWARD (ALSO CSM; WP; AP CHITRIB, PHINQ; REUTER). AFP FROM HANOI SAYS THO'S INDICATION OF POSSIBLE LATER ACCEPTANCE SURPRISES DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY BECAUSE NVN VIEW IS THAT "AGGRESSOR AND VICTIM MUST NOT BE PLACED ON EQUAL FOOTING" (WP).

5. ICCS SAYS PREPARING LETTERS TO GVN AND VC DECLARING READINESS TO RESUME PRISONER EXCHANGES, SUSPENDED AFTER CONFLICT AT RELEASE SITE LAST JULY. US AND GVN ADVANCE 5.6 MILLION AND 2 MILLION DOLLARS RESPECTIVELY TO KEEP ICCS SOLVENT (WP).

6. THIEU RESHUFFLES CABINET ECONOMIC EXPERTS TO COPE WITH CURRENT SITUATION AND HEAVY DELTA FIGHTING CAUSING RICE PRICE INCREASES. KEY CHANGE IS PROMOTION OF LONDON SCHOOL OF ECON GRADUATE PHAN KIM NGOC TO "SUPERMINISTER" OF PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT (UPI, PHINQ).

7. GVN PLANES AND GUNS POUND NVA/VC POSITIONS NEAR LAI KHE, 25 MI. NORTH OF SAIGON, SUSPECTED OF FIRING INTO ARVN BASE CAMP, KILLING 5 CIVILIANS. UNCLASSIFIED

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GVN ACCUSES COMMUNISTS OF 124 C-F VIOLATIONS IN PAST DAY, HIGHEST IN OVER MONTH. VC ACCUSE GVN OF "LAND-GRABBING" IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AND DELTA, VOW TO FIGHT BACK. ARVN CHOPPER DOWNED BY ENEMY FIRE 90 MI. NE OF SAIGON; CREWMEN SURVIVE WITH WOUNDS. HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE IN DELTA (AP, NYT; UPI, PHINQ; WP).

8. AFP REPORTS FROM PRAGUE THAT NVN PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG ARRIVED FOR 5-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT, WAS WELCOMED BY CZECH PRES.(WP). AFP FROM HANOI QUOTES NVN ARMED FORCES NEWSPAPER ATTACKS ON "MANEUVERS" BY NIXON AND HAK, CRITICIZES BLINDNESS OF THOSE WHO FORGET THAT US IMPERIALISM IS ENEMY OF ALL PEOPLES, AND SAYS US WANTS TO DIVIDE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES BY EXPLOITING CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN USSR AND PRC. AFP COMMENTS THAT ATTACK APPEARS RELATED TO HAK MOSCOW VISIT CONCERNING MIDEAST CRISIS, QUOTES OBSERVERS THAT THIS IS FIRST TIME NVN PRESS HAS REFERRED TO "CONTRADICTIONS" BETWEEN USSR AND CHINA (NYT).

CHINA

9. MIDEAST CRISIS POSTPONES SECRETARY'S PRC TRIP, SPOKESMAN MCCLOSKEY ANNOUNCES (WP'S BERGER; NYDN, CARTER). NEW DATE EXPECTED SOON.

10. REUTER'S GOODMAN REPORTS "MOST VIOLENT (SINO-SOVIET) ARGUMENT . . . EVER SEEN" IN UNSC TUESDAY NIGHT OVER LATEST ME CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION. EXCHANGE GREW SO HEATED THAT SESSION HAD TO BE SUSPENDED FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES WHILE TEMPER COOLED; BUT EVEN DURING RECESS, CHIAO CONTINUED GESTICULATING ANGRILY AS HE REMONSTRATED WITH COUNCIL PRES. MCINTYRE. CHIAO CHARGED "TWO SUPERPOWERS" HAVE PLAYED "MOST IGNOMINIOUS ROLE" THROUGHOUT CRISIS; MALIK RIDICULED PRC'S "COWARDLINESS" IN AVOIDING VETO.

11. JOC'S STRAUSS, IN HK, SAYS PRC'S NEW TRADE MINISTER, LI CHIANG, IS OLD-LINE BUREAUCRAT WHOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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APPOINTMENT IS VIEWED THERE AS RETURN TO NORMAL GOVT. FRAMEWORK IN PREPARATION FOR PENDING NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. STRAUSS REPORTS THAT FALL OF OLD TRADE CHIEF, GEN. PAI HSIANG-KUO, IS VIEWED AS INDICATION OF PLA'S DECLINE. HK OBSERVERS BELIEVE OTHER PRC MINISTRIES HEADED BY GENERALS ARE SLATED FOR NEW LEADERSHIP IN NEAR FUTURE.

12. NCNA REPORTS YALE ECONOMIST LLOYD REYNOLDS LEFT PEKING FOR HOME TUESDAY AFTER 2-WEEK VISIT AT INVITATION OF NANKAI U; VISITED INDUSTRIAL, FARMING, EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL UNITS IN PEKING, SHANGHAI AND TIENTSIN (AP, NYDN).

13. TEN PRC LIBRARIANS ARRIVED IN TULSA TUESDAY DURING SIXTH WEEK OF THEIR TOUR OF US LIBRARY AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES (UPI, NYT).

14. IN TAIPEI SPEECH TO FEDERATION OF OVERSEAS CHINESE ASSNS., GRC FM SHEN SAID WHILE TAIWAN'S BASIC POLICY IS TO REACH NO COMPROMISE WITH COMMUNISTS, IT IS TRYING TO MAINTAIN "SUBSTANTIAL" RELATIONS WITH THOSE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SUSPENDED DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH GRC FOLLOWING THEIR RECOGNITION OF PRC AND IS WILLING TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC TIES THAT HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED (NYDN).

JAPAN

15. NAKASONE TOLD NEWSMEN TUESDAY THAT ARAB STATES WILL CONTINUE SLASHING US OIL COMPANY SUPPLIES EVEN AFTER MIDEAST CEASE-FIRE, AND US FIRMS LIKELY WILL

HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO CUTTING BACK OIL SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN. SAID JAPAN HAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO CONTINUING STUDY WAYS TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION, AND HE HINTED AT RATIONING OF GASOLINE AND OTHER OIL PRODUCTS (JOC).

16. JOC'S CULLISON, IN TOKYO, REPORTS DOCK LABOR WALKED OFF JOB TUESDAY, ENFORCING SECOND PHASE OF NATIONAL STRIKE. DOCKERS' SPOKESMAN SAYS IF MANAGEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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STILL REFUSES ACCEPT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, THEY WILL RESORT TO NEXT STAGE: REFUSAL TO LOAD AND UNLOAD CONTAINER VESSELS. CULLISON SUGGESTS THAT MANAGEMENT MAY NOT BE RUSHING BACK TO NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE FIRST 2 PHASES OF STRIKE HAVE BEEN ONLY SPOTTILY OBSERVED BY UNION LOCALS.

17. FUJI BANK ECONOMISTS REPORT JAPAN'S IMPORTS EXCEEDED EXPORTS BY 491 MILLION DOLLARS IN FIRST HALF OF 1973 AFTER UNINTERRUPTED EXPORT SURPLUSES SINCE 1968, AND SURPLUS WITH US WAS GREATLY REDUCED (JOC).

18. SUN'S PEPPER, IN TOKYO, REPORTS THAT TRILATERAL COMMISSION GOT OFF TO SHAKY START WHEN NUMEROUS JAPANESE PARTICIPANTS OBJECTED TO COMMISSION'S ENDORSING ANY SPECIFIC POLICY PROPOSALS. BRZEZINSKI LIKENS COMMISSION TO MONNET GROUP THAT HELPED PROMOTE IDEA OF COMMAT, PEPPER NOTES; BUT RESTRICTIONS URGED ON IT BY MANY JAPANESE PARTICIPANTS "SEEMED LIKELY TO LIMIT THE GROUP TO ENDORSING ONLY THE MOST GENERAL, NONCONTROVERSIAL STATEMENTS" THUS PREVENTING ITS HAVING SAME SORT OF IMPACT ON US, EUROPE AND JAPAN THAT MONNET GROUP HAD ON EUROPE ALONE (SEE COMMENT). NARCOTICS TRAFFIC

19. NYT'S GAGE REPORTS CHINESE-AMERICAN HEROIN DEALERS ARE TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ORGANIZED CRIME WHOLESALERS IN SHORT SUPPLY OF DRUG, BUT LAWMEN BELIEVE SUCH ALLIANCE IS LONG WAY OFF. WHILE LITTLE OF WHITE SEASIA HEROIN REACHES US NOW, NARCOTICS AGENTS FEEL MORE WILL BE IMPORTED AS CHINESE-AMERICAN DEALERS EXPAND DISTRIBUTION OUTLETS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

20. GLOBE'S ZAUSMER (10/21), WRITING ON EVE OF PREVIOUSLY-SCHEDULED PEKING VISIT, SAID "VERY WELL INFORMED" SOURCES FELT THE CHINESE WERE NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY MAJOR AGREEMENTS WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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SECRETARY IN PEKING.

B1. "HIGHLY PLACED" PRC DIPLOMAT TOLD ZAUSMER THAT CHOU EN-LAI WILL INSIST ON THREE PRE-CONDITIONS FOR AGREEMENT ON CAMBODIA OR ON US-PRC "FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS":

A. US MUST DROP LON NOL FOR AGREEMENT ON CAMBODIA.

B. AS FAR AS CHINESE ARE CONCERNED, AGREEMENT CAN ONLY BE MADE WITH SIHANOUK BECAUSE HE IS RECOGNIZED LEADER. BUT PEKING "MAY NOT INSIST ON SIHANOUK FOREVER" SINCE THEY BACK HIM ONLY FOR LACK OF BETTER MAN.

C. NO IMPROVEMENT IN US-PRC "DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" UNLESS US DROPS GRC ALTOGETHER.

22. SECRETARY'S CHANCES ARE NO BETTER FOR "STRAIGHTENING OUT" PRESENT VN DIFFICULTIES. CHINESE FEEL THAT VN IS NOT A CHINESE PROBLEM, CHOU IS NOT GOING TO OFFER HELP IN THE MATTER, AND HAK MUST TALK TO HANOI, NOT PEKING. "SOME CHINESE" DOUBT WASHINGTON SINCERELY WANTS TO RECONSTRUCT NVN AND SAY THEY DOUBT US REALLY WANTS A NEW GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON.

WHILE SECRETARY CANNOT EXPECT TO RETURN WITH MEANINGFUL AGREEMENTS, HE MIGHT PERHAPS A GAIN A FEW ADDITIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGES BUT THERE "IS EVERY INDICATION FROM THE WAY PEKING FEELS AT THE MOMENT" THAT FLOOD GATES WILL NOT OPEN WIDE FOR VISITORS IN EITHER DIRECTION.

ZAUSMER SAYS ONE OF BIGGEST GUESSING GAMES IN DEPARTMENT THESE DAYS IS WHAT HAK "IS UP TO IN PEKING", SINCE HE HASN'T CONFIDED PLANS EVEN TO "CLOSER ASSISTANTS AND STAFF MEMBERS".

21. GLOBE'S CROCKER SNOW (OCT. 23) IN HONG KONG NOTES COUPLE OF BASICS BEING STRESSED IN RECENT PRC STATEMENTS: CHINA'S DETERMINATION TO STAND ALOOF FROM ANY SUPERPOWER MANIPULATION BY US AND THE USSR, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND TO SET HERSELF UP AS CHAMPION OF THIRD WORLD OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SEES THIS POSITION BEING CONFIRMED IN ME WAR IN WHICH CHINA QUICKLY SIDED WITH ARABS, WITHOUT AFFECTING HER ANTI-SOVIET STANCE. WHILE CRITICIZING US FOR BACKING ISRAEL WITH ARMS, PRC CHARGED USSR WITH NOT HELPING ARABS ENOUGH AND

FOR INDIRECTLY AIDING ISRAEL BY RELEASING JEWISH EMIGRANTS. SAYS SNOW: "SUCH IS THE STUFF OF WHAT MANY MAY CALL IDEOLOGICAL DOGMA OR DOGMATIC IDEOLOGY, BUT WHAT THE CHINESE THEMSELVES REGARD AS A CLEAR, CONSISTENT AND INDEPENDENT LINE. IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY WHICH HENRY KISSINGER MUST FACE WHENEVER HE VISITS PEKING AS SECRETARY OF STATE." TAKES VIEW THAT CHINESE LEADERS ARE WILLING TO TALK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, BUT ONLY AT THE PRICE OF WASHINGTON FINALLY ABANDONING TAIWAN. BEYOND THIS ISSUE, ENVISIONS SECRETARY HAVING EQUAL TROUBLE GETTING "MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE" AND "REWARDING RELATIONSHIP" GOING AGAIN.

22. GLOBE'S STORIN (OCT. 21) IN TOKYO SEES DEVELOPMENT OF INDEPENDENT JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY AS CONSISTENT WITH NIXON DOCTRINE. BUT IN ADDITION TO RAISING QUESTIONS WHETHER JAPAN SHOULD GO NUCLEAR AND ABROGATE MST, EXPECTS AT LEAST THREE OTHER KEY "ISSUES" IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS TO DEVELOP DURING COMING YEARS: THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN CHINA AND USSR, WITH WEALTHY JAPAN AS MUCH WOODED BY BOTH; THE EFFECTS OF A WORLD NOW LEARNING TO LIVE WITH SHORTAGES EVEN IN ITS MOST DEVELOPED NATIONS; AND POSSIBLE FALL FROM POWER OF LDP WITH POLITICAL SCIENTIST REI SHIRATORI PICKING 1978 AS THE YEAR. SINO-SOVIET TENSION WILL BE INTERTWINED WITH THE ENERGY SHORTAGE, PARTICULARLY WITH US FACING AN EXTREME DOMESTIC SITUATION, AND ALL OF THIS WOULD BE THROWN INTO SOME DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY IF A COALITION GOVERNMENT EMERGED IN TOKYO. CONSIDERS IT IRONIC THAT THIS CRUCIAL PERIOD IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS WILL LIKELY PLAY TO AN APATHETIC AND EVEN UNAWARE US AUDIENCE, WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, UNLIKE JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS, SHOWING AMAZING IGNORANCE OF THE COUNTRY. NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT GOJ AND USG UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE INCREASING CULTURAL EXCHANGES TO IMPROVE HISTORIC AND CONTINUING US PERCEPTIONS OF JAPAN.

23. LAT (OCT. 23) SEES IN OVERTHROW OF THAI MILITARY DICTATORSHIP WELCOME SIGNS OF RESTORATION OF DEMOACY DOMESTICALLY, AND OF RETURNING TO A BROADER STRATEGIC INDEPENDENCE, IF N NEUTRALITY, VIS-A-VIS THE US. CONSIDERS DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SORT OF POLICY MORE USEFUL TO THAI LONG-TERM SECURITY THAN PERPETUATION OF USAF INSTALLATIONS.

24. WP'S GREENWAY IN HONG KONG NOTES OBSCURE MANNER IN WHICH PRC REVEALED ITS APPOINTMENT OF LI CHIANG AS NEW FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER. LI'S NAME WAS

MENTIONED IN NCNA ANNOUNCEMENT OF OCT. 19 SIGNING OF COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WITH NVN. UNTIL THEN, LI HAD BEEN LISTED AS VICE MINISTER TO PAI HSIANG-KUO. SEES SWITCH AS PART OF ON-GOING PROCESS OF DIMINISHING ARMY ROLE IN GOVERNMENT AND PARTY. PAI, AN ARMY CAREERIST, WAS BROUGHT INTO GOVERNMENT HIERARCHY BY LIN PIAO IN 1970. LI HAS BEEN VICE MINISTER SINCE 1954 AND HIS PROMOTION IS VIEWED AS PART OF CHOU'S EFFORTS TO HAVE RESPONSIBLE AND TECHNICALLY COMPETENT CIVILIANS RUN CHINA'S MINISTRIES; AT 10TH CP CONGRESS, LI EMERGED AS CC MEMBER WHILE PAI DID NOT.

25. NYT'S SULZBERGER IN SHANGHAI EXPLAINS WHY THERE IS NO INFLATION IN CHINA, WHERE ECONOMY IS BASED ON COMMODITY PRODUCTION, ROLE OF CURRENCY IS MINOR AND MUCH FOREIGN TRADE IS BARTER. REPORTS DISCUSSIONS WITH THREE REPS OF CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE'S INSTITUTE OF ECONOMICS IN PEKING.

26. S-N'S BILLINGTON (OCT. 21) COMPARES PRCLO AND GRC EMBASSY OBSERVANCE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL DAYS. NOTES THAT AT LAVISH PRC FUNCTION, TOP US LEGISLATORS AND OFFICIALS ATTENDED. THE MILITARY, WHO ARE GREAT FRIENDS OF "THE TAIWANESE", DIPLOMATS FROM "37 OR 38" COUNTRIES THAT STILL RECOGNIZE TAIWAN, "FRAIL OLD CHINA HANDS WHO NEED UNCLASSIFIED

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A LITTLE MORE HELP TO CLIMB THE TWO STEPS INTO TWIN OAKS' HALLWAY EACH YEAR," WERE AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT GRC RECEPTION. BUT THE "TOP POWER" WAS MISSING. IF ONE MEASURES A COUNTRY'S IMPORTANCE BY THE ATTENTION IT RATES, THE NUMBER OF TIMES HAK HAS BROKEN FORTUNE COOKIES WITH THE NATIONALISTS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS CAN BE COUNTED ON ONE HAND, BUT WITH PEKING REGIME, HE HAS DRUNK HUNDREDS OF RICE WINE TOASTS, AND EATEN AVIARIES OF PEKING DUCK.

27. EX-FSO JOHN TAYLOR (CSM) BRIEFLY REVIEWS CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO DOWNFALL OF THANOM GOVERNMENT, NOTING THAT RIOTS SPRANG FROM URBAN INTELLIGENTSIA, WITH MANY STUDENTS COMING FROM RTG ELITE, RATHER THAN URBAN PROLETARIAT OR PEASANTS. NOTES THAT FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS PLAYED ONLY SECONDARY ROLE IN STUDENTS' COUP, BUT THINKS COUP MAY ACCELERATE REEXAMINATION OF THAI COMMITMENT TO SEATO AND SPEED NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO SOME KIND OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN BANGKOK AND PEKING. REESTABLISHMENT OF STABLE GOVERNMENT WILL REQUIRE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL FORE-BEARANCE BETWEEN NEW GOVERNMENT AND ARMED FORCES; HAVING DOMINATED THAI POLITICS FOR DECADES, IT WILL NOT BE EASY FOR THE ARMY TO YIELD POWER TO A

UNIVERSITY DEAN. OBSERVES THAT KING BROUGHT LUSTER TO ROYAL HOUSEHOLD THROUGH HIS QUIET SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS.

28. CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN BANGKOK INTERVIEWS TANET CHAROENMUNANG, POLITICAL AFFAIRS UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL OF NSCT, WHO ATTENDED PEBBLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL FOR YEAR AND STUDIED AT AMERICAN MISSIONARY SCHOOL IN THAILAND. TANET, AN AVOWED "LEFTIST", CONTENTS THAT ALL TOP LEADERS OF UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODIES IN THAILAND ARE POLITIC MODERATES WHO FAVOR COMPROMISE, THE BUDDHIST "MIDDLE WAY." TANET BELIEVES SOME FORM OF SOCIALISM WOULD BE PRACTICABLE BUT SAYS MAJORITY OF STUDENTS DID NOT SHARE HIS VIEW. ACCORDING TANET, MAIN INTEREST OF STUDENT LEADERS WAS TO WORK FOR MORE EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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ELIMINATING CORRUPTION AND ESTABLISHING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS; MAJORITY FAVOR PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES IN THAILAND.

29. LAT'S MCARTHUR (OCT. 22) OBSERVES AIR OF UNREALITY IN SA
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